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Statement of Henry Anderson Relating to Mexican National Program

Attached is a copy of a statement of "Social Justice and Foreign Contract Labor" prepared by ^{Mr.} Henry Anderson. Attached also are a copy of our letter to Mr. Anderson and a copy of a letter from the California Department of Employment to him.

On January 16, 1958, Mr. Anderson addressed a letter to this office requesting information concerning the Mexican national farm labor program. He only requested the number of Nationals in California in 1957, contracts issued employers using Nationals in that year, and the number of employer service representatives employed by the Bureau in California. He described himself as a Research Associate in Public Health Administration at the University of California. We understand that he is attending the school of Public Health and that he and some colleagues have received a grant from the U.S. Public Health Service to investigate the health habits of Mexican Nationals.

His request was replied to by this office on January 22, 1958, and in June he appeared here and discussed the project with Messrs. Norton and Huxley. He stated that he wished to interview about a thousand braceros at the El Centro Reception Center, and he was put in touch with Mr. Walter Francis. We understand that an associate of his has been interviewing the braceros and that they are being questioned strictly on health matters.

The statement which is attached was distributed to a meeting of the American Friends Service Committee in San Francisco which was attended by about twenty-five persons interested in the Mexican National program. Beyond that group, there was not a general distribution of the document.

The Executive Director of the Committee has advised us that the statement in no way represents a policy of American Friends but was presented solely as the opinion of one individual. He also stated that it was not intended that there be widespread distribution, but did say that some of the recipients had apparently had copies of the statement made and distributed them on their own account. Accordingly, we have no means of knowing the total distribution.

This subject has been discussed with Mr. Bruce Barber, District Director, Immigration and Naturalization Service, and Mr. Fay W. Hunter, Regional Director, Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Both are pursuing the charges made against their respective agencies.

We will inform you of additional developments.

Attachments